

School Governance Council

Verplanck Elementary School

January 13, 2014

Meeting was called to order by Mrs. Gordon at 5:35 PM

Council Members:

- Nicolas Jones, principal (absent)
- Kathleen Hackett, teacher
- Barbara Belknap, teacher
- Chelsea Gordon, teacher
- Cindy Woods, teacher
- Lynn Rhodes, community representative
- John Garaventa, community representative
- Ramon Guzman, parent (absent)
- Adam Skinner, parent (absent)
- Christina Rossetti, parent
- Julie Roach, parent
- Catrina Priest, parent (absent)
- Denise McInnish, parent
- Tarana Islam, parent (absent)

Minutes from the December meeting were reviewed with the following corrections made:

- Mr. Garaventa and Mrs. Woods were absent for the December meeting.

Motion to accept the corrected minutes was made by Mrs. Gordon and seconded by Julie Roach. Motion passed with a vote of 9-0.

Motion was made by Mrs. McInnish to change the start time of future meetings to 5:30 PM keeping in mind the 21st Century Program uses the media center until 5:30. Motion seconded by Ms. Leahy. Motion passed 9-0.

Communication has been received from Mr. Ramon Guzman-Toro asking to be removed from membership of the School Governance Council. Procedure will be followed according to the Council by-laws.

Principal's Report:

Mr. Jones was absent asking Mrs. Gordon to facilitate the meeting. A School Compact Committee will be formed and manned by 2 parents, 2 teachers, and 1 community representative from the School Governance Council. The following members volunteered to participate in the School Compact Committee: Julie Roach, Denise McInnish, Kathy Hackett, Cindy Woods, and John Garaventa. It was recommended by Mr. Garaventa that we consider possibly extending membership to a current student or former student.

Discussion was held on the referendum for the 5/6 school has been moved to the November ballot.

Old Business:

- Several parents, faculty and staff members participated in the public forum held at Waddell School in December. It has been recommended that the Verplanck community actively invite Board of Director members and BOE members to authentic school activities.

New Business:

School uniforms were discussed and will be researched further with, perhaps, a request to the BOE to pilot an elementary uniform.

Next meeting: Monday, February 3, 2014 5:30-6:30 PM. School Library

Meeting was adjourned at 6:23PM

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Rhodes, secretary